



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2872

A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the state of Illinois

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 3, 2002*

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2872 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 2872 would reinstate and extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project subject to licensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for 10 years. The proposed extension is for FERC project number 11214, in Carlyle, Illinois. These provisions may have a minor impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Hence, the legislation's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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